

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 2382 – Choice of Doctor for Police and Firefighter (LSB 5128HV)
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Description

House File 2382 provides that members of the Municipal Police and Fire Retirement System receiving hospital, nursing, and medical attention, for injuries received while performing their police or fire duties have the right to choose medical care.

Background

Currently in Iowa, the employer is permitted to control the course of treatment for injured workers and may establish provider networks with fee schedules.

There are 49 cities covered by the Municipal Police and Fire Retirement System. Those cities are; Ames, Ankeny, Bettendorf, Boone, Burlington, Camanche, Carroll, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Charles City, Clinton, Clive, Council Bluffs, Creston, Davenport, Decorah, Des Moines, DeWitt, Dubuque, Estherville, Evansdale, Fairfield, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Grinnell, Indianola, Iowa City, Keokuk, Knoxville, Le Mars, Maquoketa, Marion, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine, Newton, Oelwein, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Pella, Sioux City, Spencer, Storm Lake, Urbandale, Waterloo, Waverly, Webster City, and West Des Moines.

Cities are required to provide hospital, nursing, and medical attention for the members of the police and fire departments of the cities, when injured while in the performance of their job duties. Cities are permitted to fund the cost of required care through the purchase of insurance, by self-insuring the obligation, or through payment of moneys into a local government risk pool established for the purpose of covering the costs. The cost of the care can not be funded through an employee-paid health insurance policy. The cost of the care is to be paid from moneys held in a trust and agency fund or appropriated to the affected employer.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will have an unknown fiscal impact on the expenses for the 49 cities. There is insufficient information to determine the impact the legislation would have on the choice of medical care.

Sources

Iowa Department of Workforce Development
National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI)
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Iowa League of Cities
Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA)
Cities of Ames, Camanche, Charles City, Clinton, Knoxville, and Marshalltown

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